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AN ACT appropriating moneys from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund" and various Green Acres bond funds, and appropriating and reappropriating certain other moneys, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-19), and from the Green Trust funds established pursuant to the Green Acres bond acts, the sum of \$17,360,930 to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in municipalities eligible to receive State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.) either as of June 30, 2006 or the effective date of this act, or sponsored by densely populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Garfield City	Bergen	Garfield City Multiparks	\$600,000
Camden County	Camden	Waterfront Park Enhancement (Camden City)	750,000
Camden City	Camden	Dudley Grange Park Rehabilitation	600,000
Camden City	Camden	Upper Farnham Park Dev	600,000
Gloucester City	Camden	Freedom Pier Walkway	600,000
Vineland City	Cumberland	Multi-Park Dev	600,000
Essex County	Essex	Multi-Parks Improvements (Belleville Twp Bloomfield Twp Caldwell Twp Boro East Orange City Essex Fells Twp Montclair Twp Newark City Orange City Twp Verona Twp West Orange Twp)	900,000
Bloomfield Twp	Essex	Bloomfield Ramp Skate Park	232,800
Irvington Twp	Essex	Orange Avenue Park Dev	450,000
Newark City	Essex	Minish Park Passaic Riverfront Dev	600,000
Newark City	Essex	Nat Turner Park Dev	600,000
Glassboro Boro	Gloucester	Park Renovations	297,500
Bayonne City	Hudson	Harbor View Park Phase II	600,000
Hoboken City	Hudson	Pier C	600,000
Hoboken City	Hudson	1600 Park Dev	600,000
Jersey City	Hudson	Owen Grundy Pier and York St. Park	600,000
Kearny Town	Hudson	Belgrove Drive Playground	600,000
Union City	Hudson	Doric Park Improvements	600,000

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Weehawken Twp	Hudson	Louisa Park and Playground Improvements	500,000
Middlesex County	Middlesex	New Brunswick Landing (New Brunswick City)	750,000
Middlesex County	Middlesex	Old Bridge Waterfront Park Phase II (Old Bridge Twp)	750,000
Carteret Boro	Middlesex	Arthur Kill Waterfront Recreation Facility Ph II	600,000
Carteret Boro	Middlesex	Carteret Multipark Improvements	600,000
New Brunswick City	Middlesex	New Brunswick Landing	600,000
Perth Amboy City	Middlesex	Willow Pond Park	600,000
Woodbridge Twp	Middlesex	Ferry Street and Riverwalk Park Improvements	600,000
Woodbridge Twp	Middlesex	Sewaren Marina Park 2	200,000
Brick Twp	Ocean	Multi-Parks Dev	600,000
Paterson City	Passaic	Atp Site / Haines Overlook Park Riverwalk Ext.	530,630
Paterson City	Passaic	Restoration and Revitalization of Pennington Park	600,000
TOTAL			\$17,360,930

b. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site, or type, listed in subsection a. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

c. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in subsection a. of this section are offered funding pursuant thereto, any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant to P.L.2007, c.27, P.L.2007, c.28, P.L.2007, c.29, or section 2, 3, or 4 of this act, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

d. For the purposes of this section:

"Densely populated county" means a county with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

"Green Acres bond act" means P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265, and P.L.1983, c.354.

2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-19), and from the Green Trust funds established pursuant to the Green Acres bond acts, the sum of \$5,107,000 to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by highly populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Ventnor City	Atlantic	Rehabilitation of Ventnor Fishing Pier	\$450,000
Edgewater Boro	Bergen	Veteran's Field Improvements	450,000
Burlington County	Burlington	Rancocas Pointe Trail (Mount Laurel Twp)	232,000
Mount Laurel Twp	Burlington	Comprehensive Recreation Trail	450,000
Maplewood Twp	Essex	Maplewood Playing Fields Improvement	450,000
Guttenberg Town	Hudson	Guttenberg Town Riverfront Park	450,000
Harrison Town	Hudson	Waterfront Walkway	450,000
Mercer County	Mercer	Baldpate Mountain Dev (Hopewell Twp)	650,000
Belmar Boro	Monmouth	Shark River Bay Community Sailing Center	450,000
Marlboro Twp	Monmouth	Marlboro Twp Park Phase II	50,000
Point Pleasant Boro	Ocean	Riverfront Park Dev	450,000
Passaic County	Passaic	Garret Mountain Park – Barbour Pond Restoration (West Paterson Boro)	125,000
Linden City	Union	Hawk Rise Environmental Walkway	450,000
TOTAL			\$5,107,000

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c. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in subsection a. of this section are offered funding pursuant thereto, any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant to P.L.2007, c.27, P.L.2007, c.28, P.L.2007, c.29, or section 1, 3, or 4 of this act, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

d. For the purposes of this section:

"Densely or highly populated municipality" means a municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile, or a population of at least 35,000 persons, according to the latest federal decennial census.

"Green Acres bond act" means P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265, and P.L.1983, c.354.

"Highly populated county" means a county with a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

3. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-19), and from the Green Trust funds established pursuant to the

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Green Acres bond acts, the sum of \$4,000,000 to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes located in municipalities eligible to receive State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.), either as of June 30, 2006 or the effective date of this act, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Essex County	Essex	Riverfront Park & Recreation Facility Acq (Newark City)	\$900,000
Old Bridge Twp	Middlesex	Cedar Ridge II Acq	600,000
Neptune Twp	Monmouth	Open Space Acq	100,000
Neptune Twp	Monmouth	South Riverside Drive Waterfront Acq	600,000
Brick Township	Ocean	Open Space and Recreation Plan Acq	600,000
Clifton City	Passaic	Latteri Park Acq	600,000
Clifton City	Passaic	Schultheis Farm Acq	600,000
TOTAL			\$4,000,000

b. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site, or type, listed in subsection a. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

c. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in subsection a. of this section are offered funding pursuant thereto, any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant to P.L.2007, c.27, P.L.2007, c.28, P.L.2007, c.29, or section 1, 2, or 4 of this act, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

d. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act" means P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265, and P.L.1983, c.354.

4. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-19), and from the Green Trust funds established pursuant to the Green Acres bond acts, the sum of \$12,962,500 to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by densely populated counties or highly populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection:

(1) Planning Incentive Acquisition Projects

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Fair Lawn Boro	Bergen	Open Space Acq	\$450,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Planning Incentive Acq	450,000
Mount Laurel Twp	Burlington	Mt. Laurel Acq Plan	450,000

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Camden County	Camden	Open Space Plan Acq	750,000
Cherry Hill Twp	Camden	Planning Incentive Grant Acq	450,000
West Orange Twp	Essex	West Orange Twp Open Space Acq	450,000
Hudson County	Hudson	Open Space Acq	900,000
Mercer County	Mercer	Mercer County Planning Incentive Acq	750,000
Hamilton Twp	Mercer	Hamilton Twp Open Space Acq	450,000
East Brunswick Twp	Middlesex	Open Space Plan Acq	450,000
North Brunswick Twp	Middlesex	North Brunswick Plan Acq	450,000
South Brunswick Twp	Middlesex	Open Space Acq	450,000
Monmouth County	Monmouth	Planning Incentive Acq	750,000
Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp	Morris	Parsippany-Troy Hills Open Space Acq	450,000
Berkeley Twp	Ocean	Planning Incentive Acq	450,000
Toms River Twp	Ocean	Open Space and Recreation Plan Acq	450,000
Jackson Twp	Ocean	Jackson Twp Open Space Acq Plan	450,000
Manchester Twp	Ocean	Planning Incentive Acq	450,000
Passaic County	Passaic	Open Space Plan Acq	750,000
Wayne Twp	Passaic	Wayne Open Space Acq	450,000
Union County	Union	Union County Open Space and Recreation Plan Acq	900,000
SUBTOTAL			\$11,550,000

(2) Site Specific Incentive Acquisition Projects

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Caldwell Boro	Essex	Caldwell Recreational Complex Acq	\$450,000
SUBTOTAL			\$450,000

(3) Standard Acquisition Projects

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Ridgefield Park Village	Bergen	Nature Preserve Acq	\$62,500
Piscataway Twp	Middlesex	Piscataway Open Space Acq	450,000
South Amboy City	Middlesex	Open Space Acq	450,000
SUBTOTAL			\$962,500
TOTAL			\$12,962,500

b. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site, or type, listed in subsection a. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

c. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in subsection a. of this section are offered funding pursuant thereto, any project of a local government unit that

previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant to P.L.2007, c.27, P.L.2007, c.28, P.L.2007, c.29, or section 1, 2, or 3 of this act, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

d. For the purposes of this section:

"Densely or highly populated municipality" means a municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile, or a population of at least 35,000 persons, according to the latest federal decennial census.

"Densely populated county" means a county with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

"Green Acres bond act" means P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265, and P.L.1983, c.354.

"Highly populated county" means a county with a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

5. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the purposes of providing:

(1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to P.L.2007, c.27, P.L.2007, c.28, P.L.2007, c.29, or sections 1 through 4 of this act; and

(2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding approved pursuant to P.L.2007, c.27, P.L.2007, c.28, P.L.2007, c.29, or sections 1 through 4 of this act, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include administrative costs.

b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection such sums as may be, or may become, available on or before June 30, 2008, due to interest earnings or loan repayments in any "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to a Green Acres bond act or in the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," for the purpose of providing:

(1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to P.L.2007, c.27, P.L.2007, c.28, P.L.2007, c.29, or sections 1 through 4 of this act; and

(2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding approved pursuant to P.L.2007, c.27, P.L.2007, c.28, P.L.2007, c.29, or

sections 1 through 4 of this act, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include administrative costs.

c. For the purposes of this section:

"Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund" means the fund established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-19).

"Green Acres bond act" means P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265, and P.L.1983, c.354.

6. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 21, 2007.